

Apropos of the above, a friend who is a dealer received an order for a packet, the remittance consisting of a lot of washed green 3c. stamps of an issue of years ago, which had done postal duty.

Dealers are found here in Connecticut who are holding on to their 1/2c. Jubilees. I came across a gentleman recently who asked me to get him two, if possible, and he would give me \$1.00 for them. I wrote to a Canadian correspondent who charged me 35 cents each, so my commission was not so bad. The local dealer wanted 60 cents each.

The publisher of the New York Philatelist is quite pronounced in his wrath against sample fiends. Don't blame him. The writer published a journal for a year without second-class rates, and could sympathize with him. One solicitor wanted fifteen samples at two different times, showing great assurance. I have found out since that he advertises philatelic literature for sale.

Apropos of above, I received a half dozen requests from England for "samples," each of which cost me 6 cents "postage due." The solicitor used an ordinary card in each case, and put on a penny stamp or else two half-penny stamps. This did not cover the postage. They should either have used a penny postal card with one penny stamp added or a two penny international card, or else put two pence postage on an ordinary card. Whether the "fiend" was ignorant or "cheeky" I cannot say, but not a subscription resulted, and I sent them all a copy, thus

being out 7 cents beside the paper in each case.

I have seen differences in the present issue of the Canadian stamps, both in the framework and perforations. I had not thought of it till my attention was called to it by a lady philatelist of Montreal, who sent me specimens showing the different varieties.

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New Issue Plate Numbers.

We add the following to the list of Plate Numbers of the new Canadian stamps given last month:

1 cent—No. 3, 4.

Items of Interest.

A new stamp paper to be called "The Carrier" is to appear shortly under the management of L. E. Richardson, of Putman, Conn. We wish it success.

We see by the Perforator that G. E. Montgomery, Box 142, Alliance, Neb., has successfully swindled several Cincinnati dealers. He has "done" us too. Beware of him.

The Merchant's Collecting Agency has sent us a copy of their Philatelic Blue Book. It contains a list of persons whom they hold accounts against, and should prove of great value to all philatelic publishers and dealers.

We have just received a copy of the Omaha Philatelist for March, and see by it that the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society is an assured thing. We wonder if collectors in Western Canada will be eligible for membership. Who will notify us?